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Ms. Burton:

The definition of Broadband Service should be revised upwards to something generally equivalent to internet CATV service of between 3 to 5 MB. Governments and nonprofits should be encouraged to install "open access" fiber optic systems containing excess fiber strands that could be leased by various telecommunication providers. This would promote competition and drive down broadband costs and accelerate the availability of fiber optic service. I believe our regional economy would benefit greatly from low cost broadband service, of about \$50.00/month for 50 MB service, that does not presently exist. Our dominant telecommunications providers set prices for fiber optic service based upon a 3 to 5 year ROI rather than a more realistic 15 – 20 year ROI resulting in expensive fiber optic service.

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